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A TOP LAYER THEREON

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF
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Dear Sir:

We received the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 18, 2004. The Notice of Non-compliant Amendment indicated that the claims were provided with improper status identifiers. Applicant has herein corrected the status identifiers in the attached claims. This paper is being filed within the one month time period under 37 CFR 1.121 and no fees are believed to be due.

Respectfully submitted,



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